

## CHILD'S PLEASING AND GRANDMOTHER IS A "KIDNAPPER"

Mrs. Jewell Takes Dead Daughter's Little Girl Away From Father.

HAD LIVED WITH HER.

Parents Separated, Four-Year-Old Yearned for Love of Mother's Mother.

Supremely happy in the possession of her four-year-old granddaughter, living image in miniature of the beloved daughter who had died with the child in her arms a month ago, Mrs. A. Irene Jewell is waiting to-day in her apartments at the fashionable Waldmore, No. 11 and 13 East 14th street, for her son-in-law, Clement L. Easton, to make the next move.

"I have Dorothy—my Dorothy, namesake of my dear daughter," said Mrs. Jewell to-day in soft, beautifully modulated tones. "What more can I want?" And Dorothy, up bright and early, played with the dolls and toys she left behind when, two days after her mother's death, the father, whom she hardly knew at all, came and demanded the child and took her away.

Grief-laden Her Ill.

She had been stricken with a double grief, the grief of her daughter's death, and the parting with her daughter's child, and she had been ill, desperately ill. Several days ago she went to the Easton home on West One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, and asked to see little Dorothy, but her request was denied. Her heart yearned and yearned, and yesterday afternoon she could stand no longer. She telephoned to her sister and the two women, both heavily veiled, went to Riverside Drive, intending to walk across the neighborhood and if good fortune would attend them, they could see the child.

They sat down on one of the benches facing One Hundred and Forty-seventh street and waited. In a little while they saw the little girl coming toward them accompanied by Johanna Ryan, her nurse.

Every minute seemed a lifetime to Mrs. Jewell as with slow steps the child and her mid-aged nurse and rheumatoid nurse approached. Her heart stood still. A little Dorothy crossed the roadway between automobiles and carriages and homebound riders. At last the hazardous crossing was negotiated and the little one was safe.

There was a wan pathos in the child's eyes. She too had been grieving over the separation from her grandmother, and she walked with a listless step. As Mrs. Jewell drew near, she stood up and spoke Dorothy's name.

The child looked up, curiously, but the veil prevented her from knowing who had called her. So she came to Mrs. Jewell, and kneeling down on the asphalt roadway held her arms out to the little one.

"Grandma—Grandma!" the child exclaimed, and her voice was almost hysterical with joy. Then she threw her arms into the yearning, hungry arms of the woman who had been her grandmother and granddaughter, and twined her arms around her grandmother's neck, and showered her face with kisses.

"Take Me Home, Grandmother!" Mrs. Jewell was crying, and her sister, who stood alongside sobbing. The nurse stood, looking on in amazement.

"Take me home, grandmother! take me home. I want to go with you," the child pleaded. "I don't like where I am, and I want to be with you."

"Hush, darling, no so loud," admonished Mrs. Jewell, who had regained her self-possession. "Your home is with grandmother. Easton can only come and see you every little while, here, in the park."

"No, no!" the child screamed. "You are my grandmother, not she. Take me home, take me home."

A little group of curious people had gathered and Mrs. Jewell, taking little Dorothy by the hand, started across the drive, and toward the big apartment house at the corner of One Hundred and Forty-seventh street and Broadway, where the Eastons live.

Mrs. Jewell led the child along the side of the drive until they came to One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, and then turned east toward Broadway. The nurse was effective, and the child's sobs had almost ceased, when they reached the corner of Broadway.

"Now, Dorothy, do go home with Johanna," said Mrs. Jewell, and this was the signal for another outburst of grief and entreaty on the part of the little one. Mrs. Jewell, urged by her boundless love for the little one, yielded.

## Ex-Chief Croker's Ten Rules For Fires; Don't Jump; Don't Resist Rescue; Keep Calm

"One Great Trouble With Most People," He Declares, "Is That They Don't Give Much Thought to Fires Until in Midst of One."

"One Bucket of Water Will Do a Great Deal; Instead of Running Away Find That Bucket; Women as a Rule Are Cooler Than Men."

By Sophie Irene Loeb.

1. At the first sign of fire do not run away from it.
2. Get well acquainted with the surroundings where you live.
3. Do not resist a fireman in attempting rescue.
4. Do not be too hasty to jump from high places.
5. Fire drills should become a fixed law.
6. Everybody should learn how to use fire appliances.
7. At any cost calm the fears of little children.
8. No matter how hot the fire, bend every effort to keep calm.
9. Cleanliness in the home an important preventive of fire.
10. In case of too much smoke try to get a wet cloth about the mouth.

These are ten rules suggested by Edward F. Croker, who had been a fireman for twenty-seven years. Chief of the New York City Fire Department twelve years, and regarded as the foremost fire-fighter in this country, when he lately resigned the position of chief.

When I asked him to tell me wherein the public might aid in alleviating this loss of life he said:

"The great trouble with most people lies in the fact that the subject of fire is not given very much thought until we are in the midst of it. For instance, a person will go into a hotel, stay in the evening, register, take an elevator to his room without taking any observation as to the surroundings, look his door and retire. There he is for the night and has not the least idea as to the locations of fire exits, stairways, and in fact might not even be able to find the way to the elevator again."

"After the Ash Building disaster girls on the witness stand swore they did not know where the stairways were, and some of them had been employed there for a year or two. This is reckless, to say the least. The truth is that there are more ways than one of getting away from a fire if people will only try their utmost to keep cool."

A Common Error.

"A great common mistake made is at the first onsets of fire to try and run away from it. In cases without number a fire at the beginning is very easily put out—one bucket of water will do a great deal—so that, instead of running away from it, the thing to do is to try to find it. The next requisite is to keep cool. Might here I want to say that women, as a rule, are cooler in great emergencies than men. They seem to grasp the situation more clearly."

"One leaves women taking the initiative in cases of great trial can accomplish much in calming the fears of the others. When people become panicky, they are apt to follow a leader more readily than at any other time. Therefore, fire drills should become a matter of law, especially where many people are employed. They must learn their way out of the place of alarm and they go right to their places—perhaps not even knowing if there is a real fire or just a drill. They are out even before they have had time to realize what it is."

"While I do not believe in strikes, I think that every competent employee should insist that doors be kept unlocked at all times—in other words, they should demand this from the proper authorities."

A Duty for the Men.

"Another overwhelming reality is that nine people out of ten do not know how to use fire appliances. This is a gross mistake. At least men should know exactly how to use common fire extinguishers, especially those on hand where they are employed. They must learn their use before a fire that the work may be done quickly when it breaks out. It is an easy matter even for women to learn this. They daily handle much more difficult tasks, why not this? Many women have more presence of mind than men."

"When you think woman is not as hysterical as she is usually painted as?" I asked.

"No, indeed," he answered. "A fireman suffers most at crucial moments from the supposed attitude that nine people out of ten do not know how to use fire appliances. This is a gross mistake. At least men should know exactly how to use common fire extinguishers, especially those on hand where they are employed. They must learn their use before a fire that the work may be done quickly when it breaks out. It is an easy matter even for women to learn this. They daily handle much more difficult tasks, why not this? Many women have more presence of mind than men."

"No one should resist a fireman at a time of rescue. I remember in the Windsor Hotel fire this was one of our greatest difficulties. Some of the observations there were even ludicrous."

"A grievous mistake is that of too much haste in the matter of jumping from high places. Many people that might have been saved became hopelessly crippled in their eagerness to escape by jumping. A fireman will not urge any one to jump unless he realizes a measure of safety in so doing."



Just a little patience, a bit of endurance, has saved many a person's life that would otherwise have been lost.

"But when there is so much smoke?" I suggested.

"People are overcome by smoke more from nervousness and excitement than they would be under ordinary conditions. For example the trained fireman may be inhaling in the same vicinity of smoke yet is not overcome nearly as readily as the person in a panic. If it is possible to get a wet cloth and tie it around the mouth at the first sign of smoke, this will do much toward keeping one from succumbing to it."

Good Housekeeping Helps.

"A point of great importance is that cleanliness in the home is a pregnant factor in the prevention of fire. This may seem farfetched, but the truth is evident that the accumulation of dust in unfrequented corners acts as oil. Disordered clothes, pressed and heaped-up clothing on top standing certainly add fuel to the flames. To keep things in order, to make a practice of keeping things in order, also assist firemen in locating the seat of the fire and saving important articles."

"The woman in the home can do much to dispel distress. It is an easy thing to call 'Fire!' and 'Save me!' while a fire is gaining ground, but to do rather than cry is the thing, I might say that almost half of the fire could be extinguished by man, woman or child if they would but aim to suppress excitement and use a little nerve at the right moment."

"The fears of the little children especially need not be aroused. As a rule a child does not have such an innate fear of fire as the grown-up, and very often the cause of being scared from those about him. If the little one has the assurance of safety it will in moments of actual danger be little or no trouble; so that in public schools, where fire drills are the rule, in many cases children file out smiling, unafraid and perhaps not knowing that fire exists that the recent fires will be a means of creating stringent laws for the prevention of disasters?"

"They certainly should be," answered Mr. Croker. "There is legislation under way now for the enforcement of fire drills. We need considerable more laws, but the pathetic truth is that the laws which we have are not enforced as rigidly as is desirable."

Points Out an Instance.

"For instance, the other day I was in a building and, seeing a hose on the wall, asked the proprietor if he had tested the hose recently."

"Why, no," he answered. "I hadn't thought about it. It's been hanging there for about ten years! And so you see, here we are back to the proposition of not thinking about fire until it happens; so that in reality an ounce of prevention before is worth a pound of cure afterward. Every person on entering a new home or any place where he expects to stay some time must needs post himself how to get out in case of fire, where fire appliances are kept and how to use them intelligently."

"The one thing to remember is to keep cool and let reason have a chance."

SEEKS MISSING RELATIVES.

George McCabe of Hightstown, N. J., asks Evening World to Aid Him. George McCabe of Hightstown, N. J., has asked The Evening World to assist him in his search to find his sister and brother. McCabe is a poor, old farmer and is devoting considerable time trying to find these relatives whom he has not seen since 1873. Mr. McCabe, his brother Thomas and his sister Mary Jane, were sent to the Soldiers' Orphan's Home, at Florence, and since he left that institution he has lost trace of them.

## SICK GIRL WEDDED TO ACTOR AT HOME OF ELSIE JANIS

Illness of Actress's Friend Upset Plan to Have Mayor Perform Ceremony.

Announcement was made to-day of the marriage at the home of Miss Elsie Janis, the actress, at No. 36 Gramercy square, of Miss Elsie Jordan Steele to Gilbert Douglas, a young English actor, on Wednesday.

Miss Steele is the daughter of Edward Jordan Steele. Both her parents are dead. She is the granddaughter of Frederick Kley, a wealthy resident of Camden, N. J. For the last seven years Miss Steele had lived with Miss Janis, whom she has known from childhood.

Miss Steele had left Miss Janis's apartments and moved to the Hotel Aven, at Lexington avenue and Thirtieth street. On Tuesday she went to the City Hall with Mr. Douglas, who had just returned from an engagement in Chicago in "The Fascinating Widow" with Julian Eltinge, and got a marriage license. They said then that they meant to ask Mayor Gaynor to marry them Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Steele was taken ill with pneumonia poisoning Tuesday evening. She was taken to her former room at Miss Janis's apartment, and her physician, Dr. Oscar M. Leiser informed her that she would not be able to go out for a wedding ceremony for at least a week.

The prospective bridegroom, after a talk with her, called a taxicab and went out and got the Rev. David J. Burrill of the Marble Collegiate Church. There was a wedding at once. Miss Janis attended the bride; her mother gave the bride away, and Wilfred J. Isaac was the best man. Last night the bride was well enough to attend a dinner in honor of herself and her husband at the Janis home. Among the guests were the wedding party, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Flynn, Melville B. Stone Jr., Herbert Stone and Fred Stone.

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## GIRL RUNAWAY CAUGHT, SAYS SHE FLED FOR LOVE

Sweetheart Poor, Declares Mercedes Cable, Father Wanted Her to Marry Rich.

Mercedes Cable, sixteen years old, whose disappearance from her home, No. 207 La Fontaine avenue, the Bronx, on April 22, she says was due to the desire of her father that she marry a rich man, probably will be sent back to her parents to-day. She is the daughter of Rudolph Cable, and is said to be a descendant of the famous Morris family after whom the Morrisania district was named.

Mercedes was found last night in a furnished room house in Yonkers by Detectives Clark and Parra of the Tremont station, and looked up in the "Morrisania" station as an "immigrant."

"I want to marry for love, not riches," the detective said the girl exclaimed when they found her.

Mercedes left home April 22 saying she was going out for a paper. Two days later her father reported her disappearance to the police. It was believed at first she had been abducted.

When found last night she denied her identity at first, but she said she loved a young man who was poor, but that her father had always said she must marry a wealthy man, so she ran away.

Her father said he thought she should marry some one in a good position when she was old enough, and had threatened to send her to a convent if she did not obey him. He said the girl's greatest fault was persisting in having eggs Mexican style, about two hours. The family formerly lived in Mexico.

STATE AFTER DOCTORS LAX IN MAKING REPORTS.

Those Who Are Slow in Listing Births and Deaths May Lose License to Practice.

ALBANY, May 20.—That physicians who fail to comply with the public health law requiring the prompt reporting of all births and deaths occurring in their practice may have their licenses to practice medicine revoked is pointed out by Attorney General Cardozo in an opinion rendered to Dr. Eugene H. Porter, State Commissioner of Health. For years the department has been endeavoring to perfect its system of registration of births and deaths and to secure the most accurate statistics possible. It has shown a willingness to assist these vital statistics promptly, a few have been lax, according to the department officials, notably Albany, Troy and Cohoes.

Statistics for 1910 as compiled by the department show more deaths than births in Albany, Troy, Cohoes, Kingston, Middletown, Watervliet, Rhinecliff, Lackawanna, Saratoga Springs, Cortland, Rochester and Port Jervis. In Albany the number of deaths exceed births by 75; in Troy, 61; in Cohoes, 60. In other cities the excess was less than 50. The Health Department officials believe that if all the births were reported as required by law there would be more births than deaths as a rule. The department says the law shall be enforced, even if it becomes necessary to institute proceedings for the revocation of the licenses of dilatory physicians.

Dr. Bartlett called a council of the physicians, and four of the volunteers were chosen. A quart of blood was taken from each for the serum. The operation, however, proved unavailing.

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## SIX ARMY RIDERS SAIL TO COMPETE AGAINST BRITISH

Uncle Sam Sends First Detachment of Crack Cavalry Officers to Show.

TAFT'S BROTHER GOES.

Declines to Talk of Renomination, but Sure of Republican Election.

Six army officers sailed for London to-day on the Atlantic Transport liner Minnetonka on as pleasant a junket as could possibly have been devised. They go to officially represent the United States Government at the London Horse Show, from June 12 to June 14, which is to be one of the really swarmer features of the coronation festivities.

The group of officers is commanded by Major Fred E. Folts of the Fifteenth Cavalry. The other members are Capt. Guy Z. Henry, instructor of riding at West Point; Lieut. Gordon Johnson, instructor of riding at Fort Riley; Lieut. A. R. Chaffee of the Fifteenth Cavalry; Lieut. E. F. Graham of the Tenth Cavalry and Capt. Elmer of the Eleventh Cavalry.

Uncle Sam's First Venture.

This is the first time this Government will ever have official representation at a foreign horse show. The officers will participate in riding contests with crack military riders from all the European powers, and will undoubtedly come in for social recognition. They have twelve picked horses and nine cavalrymen, assigned to duty as grooms, with them.

"I am sure that these contests," said Capt. Henry, "will arouse widespread interest in the cavalry arm of the service, and will result in an interchange of ideas on riding which will work for the improvement of our horsemanship."

Also sailing on the Minnetonka was Dr. Thomas E. Green of Chicago, the Chautauqua lecturer, who is starting on a fourteen months' tour of the world in search of material for lectures and magazine articles.

On the Red Star liner Lapland, which sailed for Antwerp to-day, was Charles E. Taft of Cincinnati, brother of the President, his wife and daughter. Mr. Taft declined to comment upon the possibility of President Taft being renominated, but ventured the prediction that whoever the Republicans nominate will be elected. He and his family will motor in the south and west of England after a little jaunt through Belgium and France.

Other Notables Sail.

Also on the Lapland were Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Brooks Jr. of this city, who are going to attend the coronation. Mrs. Brooks is a bride of a few weeks. She was formerly Miss Louise D. Cromwell of Washington, D. C., and was a bridesmaid at the wedding of Lord Davies and Miss Helen Gould. She and her husband will be the guests of Lord and Lady Davies during their stay in London.

Others sailing were former United States Senator Albert Beveridge of Indiana and his wife, Herbert Myrick, president of companies publishing farming periodicals, whose publications recently were denied classification as a second class matter, but he had the order rescinded.

Commenting upon the tremendous annual loss sustained by the Government in the maintenance of the rural free delivery system, he said it would never be made to pay until a system was inaugurated that would not only large parcels, but passengers.

DRINKS ACID AND DIES.

Porter, Separated From Wife, Suicide in Highbridge Park.

John Gutzeit, 60 years of age, a porter in a Sixth avenue saloon, committed suicide early to-day in Highbridge Park, about fifty feet north of Washington Bridge at One Hundred and Eighty-first street by drinking oxalic acid. The body was found by William Clark, a superintendent of the Street Cleaning Department and was identified by the owner of a restaurant at No. 104 Sixth avenue, where the man had lived since last February.

Yesterday he told one of the waiters he was separated from his wife and did not want to live unless he could effect a reconciliation with her. The body was taken to the West One Hundred and Fifty-second street police station.

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## WOMAN AVIATOR WILL TRY TO FLY ACROSS CHANNEL

Mrs. Gavin, who can claim that she was the first Englishwoman to fly, is to attempt to fly across the English Channel early in June. In the first days of aviation, when fatalities were many and terrible, she was the first pupil at Charles Lane's flying school at Brooklands. Then she went to Issy-Moulineaux, where she made many fine flights, including one of forty-five minutes' duration.

Preparations for her cross-channel attempt are complete. She has won much distinction in the world of sport, and she comes of sporting stock. A feature of last year's Ladies' Championship Meeting at Westward Ho! was the exceptional play of Mrs. Gavin, who was a member of the English team. She will be seen at Portsmouth in the Ladies' Golf Championships, which begins on the 15th. Mrs. Gavin is also an enthusiastic aviator.

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